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Letter dated 23 October 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I wish to inform you that the contents of the letter dated 14 October 1994 from the Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations addressed to you (A/49/548) does not correctly reflect the truth with respect to the events to which we referred in our letter dated 11 September 1994 (A/49/377-S/1994/1047). Moreover, the representative of the United States disregards the circumstances and events which indicate that the United States authorities are imposing restrictions and obstacles which do not facilitate, and at times prevent, the issuance to Iraqi officials of entry visas for the purpose of their participation in United Nations activities. Without wishing to enter into a dispute, I should like to refer here to an example of this, namely the failure of the Mission of the United States of America to reply, by the date of submission of this letter, to the request made by this Mission on 6 September 1994 to grant Ambassador Barzan Ibrahim Al-Tikriti, the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations Office at Geneva, an entry visa for participation, as a member of the delegation of the Republic of Iraq, in the work of the forty-ninth session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

The Government of my country, in referring to these unfortunate incidents, cherishes the hope that the obligations incumbent upon the host State under the Headquarters Agreement will be performed in good faith.

I request that this letter be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 139, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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